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KL Rahul celebrates after scoring his century during India's World Cup match against the Netherlands in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP INDIA 2023

INDIA BEAT THE NETHERLANDS BY 160 RUNS, RECORD 9TH WIN ON TROT IN WC

Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul hit centuries as India crushed the Netherlands by 160 runs to finish WC league engagements with a record 9 wins on trot

INDIA HAMMER 410/4; RAHUL, SHREYAS HIT TONS

Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul struck magnificent centuries as India produced a solid batting display to post a mammoth 410/4 against the Netherlands at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Iyer (128 not out off 94 balls) slammed a career-best ODI ton, while KL Rahul (102 off 64 balls) hit the fastest World Cup hundred by an Indian as the duo added 208 runs off 128 balls.

SKIPPER ROHIT RE-WRITES MANY RECORDS

- Team India captain Rohit Sharma scored 61 runs and set many records. Rohit has struck the most number of sixes in the ODIs in a calendar year, taking his 2023 tally to 60, surpassing AB de Villiers' 58 in 2015.
- Rohit became the first captain to hit the most sixes in an edition of the World Cup (24), going past Eoin Morgan (22) of England. PTI

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Virat Kohli (51) has made 50-plus scores on 14 occasions in the World Cup to date

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali with security forces in Lepcha, Himachal Pradesh, on Sunday | PTI

We're safe till jawans guard borders: PM

AGENCIES @ Lepcha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said security forces have a big role in maintaining peace and keeping India's borders safe at a time when global expectations from the country are rising.

Keeping with his annual practice of spending time with personnel of the armed forces on Diwali, Modi, who flew to Lepcha in Himachal Pradesh, also asserted that India is fast emerging as a big global player in the defence sector and the capabilities of its security forces are constantly rising. Global circumstances are such that the expectations from India are also constantly rising, he said.

"At such an important time, it is necessary that India's borders are protected and there is an environment of peace in the country, and you have a big role in this," Modi, dressed in Indo-Tibetan Border Police fatigues, said. "India is protected till the time my bravehearts are standing on the borders, unflinching as the Himalayas," he said.

40 labourers trapped as U'khand tunnel collapses

Oxygen pumped into collapsed section; 160 rescuers deployed

AGENCIES @ Uttarkashi (Uttarakhand)

A portion of an under-construction tunnel between Silkyara and Dandalgaon on the Brahmakhal-Yamunotri National Highway collapsed early on Sunday, trapping around 40 workers inside, officials here said. Personnel from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police launched a search and rescue operation immediately after being informed of the accident, Uttarkashi SP Arpan Yaduvanshi said.

Quoting officials from the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), which is building the tunnel, Yaduvanshi had initially put the number of labourers trapped in the tunnel at 36. However, the District Emergency Operation Centre later released a list of 40 labourers trapped inside. They are from Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Oxygen is being pumped into the collapsed section of the tunnel, which is part of the Char Dham all-weather road project, through a water pipe so that the trapped labourers do not have difficulty breathing, Yaduvanshi said. Even after 12 hours of the operation, there was no breakthrough till late Sunday night. Those trapped inside, however, have sent out signals indicating that they are safe, an official at the site said.

The rescue operation underway after a portion of a tunnel under construction between Silkyara and Dandalgaon collapsed in Uttarkashi district on Sunday | PTI

"We are removing the muck to measure how deep the point where they are trapped is. It does not seem too long. We hope to reach them soon. However, there are indications that they are safe as they appear to have released some water through an outlet," Rajesh Panwar, the Navayuga Construction Company project manager, said.

About 160 rescuers are trying to reach the trapped labourers with the help of drilling equipment and excavators, the District Emergency Operation Centre said. Some more equipment such as a vertical drilling machine are about to reach the site to assist the rescue efforts.

India votes in favour of move slamming Israeli settlements

AGENCIES

INDIA voted in favour of five resolutions relating to the situation in the Middle East, including one that condemned Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and abstained on one resolution. The Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) of the UN General Assembly approved six draft resolutions on November 9 all by recorded votes, relating to the situation in the Middle East.

India voted in favour of a resolution that condemns Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The draft resolution titled 'Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Occupied Syrian Golan' was approved by the Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) by a recorded vote of 145 in favour, 7 against and 18 abstentions.

India was among the 145 nations that voted in favour of the resolution. By the terms of the resolution, the Assembly would condemn settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan and any activities involving the confiscation of land, the disruption of the livelihood of protected persons, the forced transfer of civilians and the annexation of land, whether de facto or through national legislation.

India abstained on a draft resolution 'Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories'.

India voted in favour of a resolution 'Operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East'.

DIPLOMATIC ROW

Trudeau: We don't want 'fight' with India now

AGENCIES @ New Delhi/Ottawa

CANADA Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that a "fight" with India is not something his country wants right now, but reiterated his allegations and added that Ottawa wants to "work constructively" with New Delhi on this "very serious matter".

Addressing the media on Friday, he also alleged that India violated the Vienna Convention as over 40 Canadian diplomats were shifted from India after New Delhi threatened to strip them of their diplomatic immunity.

The ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

India rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated".

In his fresh remarks, Trudeau said his government reached out to India to ask them to work together in getting to the bottom of this matter. "From the very beginning when we learned of credible allegations that agents of the Indian government were involved in the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil, we reached out to India to ask them to work with us in getting to the bottom of this matter," he said.

"Canada also reached out to its friends and allies like the United States and others to work on this really serious violation of international law and of the sovereignty of a democracy. This is something that we are taking very seriously," he said.

"We will continue to work with all partners as law enforcement and investigative agencies continue to do their work. Canada is a country that will always stand up for the rule of law. If bigger countries can violate international law without consequences, then the whole world gets more dangerous for everyone," he added.

Woman, 2 daughters, son murdered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

IN a ghastly incident, a woman, her two daughters and a son were murdered at her residence in Tripthi Nagara near Nejar, under the Malpe police station limits here on Sunday. The incident occurred around 8.30 am when an unidentified assailant allegedly came in an autorickshaw and fled soon after committing the murders.

The deceased have been identified as Haseena (47), her children Afnan (23), Aynaz (21) and Aseem (14). Haseena's mother-in-law Hajira (70), who was at home at the time of incident, was injured and has been hospitalised, police sources said.

Haseena's husband Mohammed Noor works abroad and she lived at her residence with the three children and the mother-in-law. The motive behind the murder is not known yet. It is said that an unidentified man stabbed all the five. While four were killed on the spot, Hajira escaped with critical injuries as she locked herself inside the bathroom. Neighbours, who heard their cries, rushed to the spot, but by then the assailant had fled, the sources said.

Udupi SP Dr Arun K, who visited the spot, told reporters that it did not appear to be murders for gain as nothing valuable is missing from the house. P5

Police visit the house near Nejar where four people were murdered, on Sunday

Gandaberunda badges to shine on Karnataka legislators' shoulders

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

LEGISLATORS in both Houses of Karnataka will henceforth wear gold-coated metal badges depicting Gandaberunda while attending sessions. The badge, which carries the official emblem of the state, will also mark 50 years of renaming Karnataka.

Starting from the legislature session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, MLAs and MLCs are expected to flaunt the badges on the left of their shoulders. Legislators are also expected to wear them when they travel out of the state and country. "We cannot make it compulsory for all legislators. But this badge will

definitely give an aesthetic and elegant look. It will make each one legislator proud as it carries the state emblem," said a senior officer requesting anonymity. The Belagavi session starts on December 4.

The idea of the badge came to Speaker UT Khader when elected representatives from a foreign country met him recently. He noticed the foreign delegates wearing a unique badge and he thought of getting similar badges for the state legislators too, official sources told *TNIE*.

The badge is mostly made of brass with gold coating. Gandaberunda is a two-headed bird in Hindu mythology and is believed to be a form Lord Vishnu. The emblem was used by the then Mysuru state and continued to be the state emblem even after Mysuru state became Karnataka 50 years ago.

Official sources said that initially, the idea was to get the badges for MLAs. P6

EXPRESS READ

Delhi records best Diwali day air quality in 8 years

New Delhi: Delhi recorded its best air quality on Diwali day in eight years on Sunday, though pollution levels may rise due to burning of firecrackers and low night temperatures. Delhiites experienced clear skies and abundant sunshine and the city's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 218 at 4 pm, the best in at least three weeks. Delhi recorded an AQI of 312 on Diwali last year. | P8

HDK, DKS trade barbs over guarantee schemes

Bengaluru: JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday tore into the state Congress government for rampant corruption and failure on all fronts and appealed to voters in five poll-bound states, including Telangana, not to be misled by their false assurances. DyCM Shivakumar said Kumaraswamy should approach the people of his constituency Channapatna to learn the success of the guarantees | P4

Sharad Pawar feels unwell during meeting

Pune: Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar felt unwell during a meeting in his hometown Baramati in Maharashtra's Pune district and has been advised rest by doctors, party sources said. Pawar was on Saturday evening attending a meeting at Vidya Pratishthan, a trust controlled by his family, when he felt unwell and was immediately examined by doctors, they said.

SOLE SEARCHING

Govt students get Chappal Bhagya instead of Shoe Bhagya

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

SOME government school students in Lakshmeshwar taluk have received slippers, instead of shoes and socks as part of their uniform that is supplied by the government. Parents have complained to the management, but school authorities said some parents wanted slippers for their wards as it is convenient.

Students in most schools in the district have got shoes, but those in three schools in Lakshmeshwar taluk have got slippers. It is said the government had ordered schools to give shoes and socks, but school authorities said slippers were supplied as some students wanted them. The government sent a notice ordering all schools to supply shoes to students before the Dasara holidays. It had also asked School Development Management Committee (SDMC) members to check. But the Lakshmeshwar Government High-

Students wear chappals at a government school in Lakshmeshwar | EXPRESS

er Primary School No 2, Government Higher Primary School, Bastibana and Government Higher Primary School, Kenchalapur have now supplied slippers to students.

Some students said, "We expected to get shoes and socks, but we received chappals. We have told our teachers that we want shoes." A parent said, "Our sons are studying in different government schools. The younger one got shoes and socks, but the elder son got only slippers. Now both are fighting and the elder son wants shoes. We work as farm labourers. The state government announced shoe bhagya, but students got chappal bhagya."

Nirmala Naregal, SDMC president of Government Higher Primary School in Lakshmeshwar town, said, "As it is difficult to keep removing shoes for mid-day meals and at other times, some parents had requested for slippers."

An official from the Deputy Director of Public Instructions office said, "We don't have any details. We will do the needful."

Sensex ends 354 points higher in Mahurat session

FIROZ MIRZA @ Kolkata

BENCHMARK stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher by more than half a per cent in the special Mahurat trading session on Sunday driven by across-the-board buying by investors.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 354.77 points or 0.55% to close at 65,259.45 with 28 of its components settling in the green on the first trading session of Samvat 2080.

The broader Nifty50 of the National Stock Exchange advanced 100.20 points or 0.52% to settle at 19,525.55 led by gains in IT, infra and energy shares. As many as 43 Nifty50 stocks ended in green while seven in red.

Muhurat trading is a one-hour, symbolic trading session conducted by Indian stock exchanges on Diwali, a Hindu festival considered auspicious for new beginnings, including investments.

Investors' wealth soared by over Rs 2 lakh crore, as reflected in the total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies.